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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

ROY CASTILLO KNOEB, III,

Plaintiff,

v.

YAKIMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS and WASHINGTON CORRECTIONS CENTER,

Defendants.

No. 1:24-CV-03019-MKD

ORDER DISMISSING ACTION FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FILING FEE/IN FORMA PAUPERIS REQUIREMENTS

Plaintiff Roy Castillo Knoeb, III, a pretrial detainee currently housed at the Yakima County Jail, filed this *pro se* civil rights complaint on February 8, 2024. ECF No. 1. He did not pay the filing fee to commence this action as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1914. He also failed to present a completed application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or to comply with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2), which requires prisoners who seek to bring a civil action without prepayment of the filing fee to submit a certified

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copy of their inmate account statement (or the institutional equivalent) for the six months immediately preceding the filing of the complaint.

By letter dated February 8, 2024, the Clerk of Court directed Plaintiff to complete and return the Acknowledgment and Authorization form provided and to submit a certified statement of his inmate account (or institutional equivalent) for the six months immediately preceding the submission of his complaint on February 8, 2024. ECF No. 3. In the alternative, the Clerk of Court directed Plaintiff to pay the full \$405.00 filing fee (\$350.00 statutory filing fee, plus \$55.00 administrative fee) to commence this action. *Id*.

On March 14, 2024, this Court issued an Order to Comply with Filing Fee/*In Forma Pauperis* Requirements. ECF No. 4. Plaintiff was ordered to submit a completed Acknowledgment and Authorization (page 3 of the form Declaration and Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* By a Prisoner Bringing a Civil Rights Action Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983), and provide a certified copy of his six-month inmate trust account statement (or institutional equivalent) for the period immediately preceding February 8, 2024. *Id.* at 2. In the alternative, Plaintiff was instructed to pay the full \$405.00 filing fee. *Id.* Plaintiff was cautioned that his failure to comply with the Order within thirty (30) days would result in the dismissal of this case. *Id.* Plaintiff did not comply with these directives and has filed nothing further in this action.

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Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. For the reasons set forth above, and in the Court's prior Order, ECF No. 4, this action is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for failure to comply with the filing fee and *in forma pauperis* requirements of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914 and 1915.
- 2. The Court certifies pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal of this Order would not be taken in good faith and would lack any arguable basis in law or fact.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The Clerk of Court is directed to enter this Order, enter judgment, provide copies to Plaintiff, and CLOSE the file.

DATED April 22, 2024.

<u>s/Mary K. Dimke</u> MARY K. DIMKE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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